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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-217a of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

4 (a) Each town or regional school district which provides health  
5 services for children attending its public schools in any grade, from  
6 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, shall provide the same health  
7 services for children in such grades attending private nonprofit schools  
8 [therein] and state and local charter schools located within the district,  
9 when a majority of the children attending such schools are residents of  
10 the state of Connecticut. Any such town or district may also provide  
11 such services for children in prekindergarten programs in such private  
12 nonprofit schools and state and local charter schools when a majority  
13 of the children attending such schools are residents of the state of  
14 Connecticut. Such determination shall be based on the percentage of  
15 resident pupils enrolled in such school on October first, or the full  
16 school day immediately preceding such date, during the school year  
17 next prior to that in which the health services are to be provided. The

18 provisions of this section shall not be construed to require a town or  
 19 district to provide such services to any child who is not a resident of  
 20 this state. Such health services shall include the services of a school  
 21 physician, school nurse and dental hygienist, provided such health  
 22 services shall not include special education services which, if provided  
 23 to public school students, would be eligible for reimbursement  
 24 pursuant to section 10-76g. For purposes of this section, a resident is a  
 25 person with continuous and permanent physical presence within the  
 26 state, except that temporary absences for short periods of time shall not  
 27 affect the establishment of residency.

28 (b) Any town or regional school district providing such services for  
 29 children attending such private schools or state and local charter  
 30 schools shall be reimbursed by the state for a percentage of the amount  
 31 paid from local tax revenues for such services as follows:

32 (1) The percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for  
 33 such services reimbursed to a local board of education shall be  
 34 determined by (A) ranking each town in the state in descending order  
 35 from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted  
 36 equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261; (B)  
 37 based upon such ranking, (i) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal year  
 38 ending June 30, 1990, a percentage of not less than forty-five or more  
 39 than ninety shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale,  
 40 except that for any town in which the number of children under the  
 41 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of  
 42 section 10-262f, is greater than one per cent of the total population of  
 43 the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
 44 261, the percentage shall be not less than eighty, (ii) for reimbursement  
 45 paid in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1991, to June 30, 2001, inclusive,  
 46 a percentage of not less than ten or more than ninety shall be  
 47 determined for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any  
 48 town in which the number of children under the temporary family  
 49 assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, is  
 50 greater than one per cent of the total population of the town, as

51 defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, and for  
 52 any town which has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are  
 53 ranked pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which  
 54 provides such services to greater than one thousand five hundred  
 55 children who are not residents of the town, the percentage shall be not  
 56 less than eighty, and (iii) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal year  
 57 ending June 30, 2002, and each fiscal year thereafter, a percentage of  
 58 not less than ten or more than ninety shall be determined for each  
 59 town on a continuous scale, except that for any town in which the  
 60 number of children under the temporary family assistance program, as  
 61 defined in subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, for the fiscal year ending  
 62 June 30, 1997, was greater than one per cent of the total population of  
 63 the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-  
 64 261, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for any town which  
 65 has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are ranked pursuant  
 66 to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which provides such  
 67 services to greater than one thousand five hundred children who are  
 68 not residents of the town, the percentage shall be not less than eighty.

69 (2) The percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for  
 70 such services reimbursed to a regional board of education shall be  
 71 determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A)  
 72 multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261, of each  
 73 town in the district by such town's ranking, as determined in  
 74 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures  
 75 determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C)  
 76 dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this  
 77 subdivision by the total population of all towns in the district. The  
 78 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the  
 79 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same  
 80 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank.

81 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10-217a of the general statutes is  
 82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 83 *1, 2007*):

84 (g) A town or regional school district may provide, at its own  
85 expense, the services of a school psychologist, speech remedial  
86 services, school social worker's services and special language teachers  
87 for non-English-speaking students to children attending private  
88 nonprofit schools and state or local charter schools in such town or  
89 district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-217a(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-217a(g)

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